

## PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 98-162-B)**

**In the Application of:**

DeGendt et al.

**Serial No.: 09/207,546**

**Filing Date: December 8, 1998**

**For: Method for Removing Organic Contaminants from a Semiconductor Surface**

**Examiner: S. Ahmed**

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004.

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

a) Response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004.


2. With respect to fees:

a) A fee is not required at this time.

b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,



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